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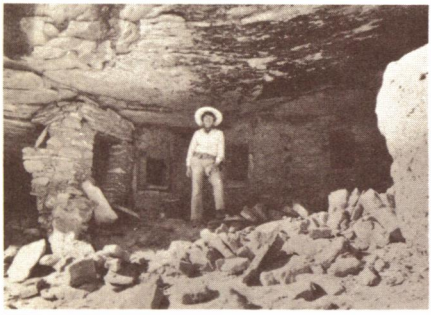

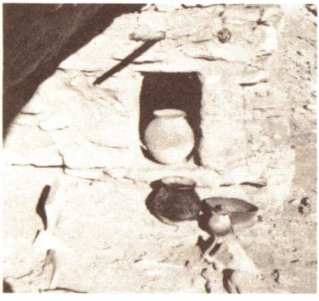

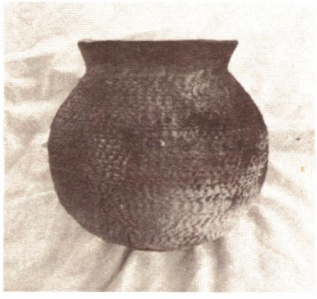

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HISTORY'S HANDWRITING

CLUES OF THE PAST

Some ancient Indians believed spirits of life dwelt in rocks, trees, mountains, earth, and sky. These people believed themselves to be guardians of the earth they worshipped and revered.

Today, centuries later, we piece together their history from remnants of their culture left in and upon the land where they once lived. We study their stories in petroglyphs and pictographs. We learn about them from clues they left in pieces of their pottery, weapons, clothing, and homes. Their records are here for us to study and interpret.

If we look carefully as we travel the land—and are aware and informed—we see written stories of extinct tribes, animal and plant life, tales of warriors and worshippers, and of pioneers and settlers.

Every culture left their documents for us. History's story is here for everyone to read. Many interesting and important things about ancestors are inscribed on the earth, but if people carry away the clues, or change the position of evidence, what remains to be read?

GUARDIANS OF THE LAND

History cannot be rewritten or replenished. It is up to us to preserve and protect our heritage, and to work together as stewards of this earth and its artifacts.

Aiding the public in their role as guardians of the land is the Forest Service. For over 75 years, this public land-managing agency has been vitally interested in the guardianship of our gifts from the past, and since 1970 has employed archeologists on the Monticello Ranger District to provide guidance.

In 1979, the 1906 Antiquities Act was amended to provide additional protection for historical and archeological resources. This law provides for the removal of artifacts or the disturbance of historical or archeological sites *only* with a permit to do so. Permits are issued mainly to those qualified individuals and institutions doing studies or research in quest of knowledge about early man. Artifacts and information collected under the permits are placed in a museum or public institution where they are available to the public to view and/or use for research. Individuals who disturb sites or collect *without a permit* may be fined up to $10,000 and imprisoned up to one year.

PROTECTION OF ARTIFACTS

If every person who looked at treasured artifacts in America carried away a souvenir, soon there would be nothing left. When you find a treasure of the past, look as long as you wish—touch—photograph—but leave it where you find it.

If you discover historic or prehistoric artifacts, or possible new sites, report them to:

Monticello Ranger District
185 North First East
Monticello, Utah

Our nearness to an artifact is like a moment of time standing still. Knowing that hands before ours have touched it, and that future eyes will marvel at it in centuries yet to come, links us with the past and the future.

We pass this way but briefly, and the earth with all its treasures is ours to appreciate, protect, and carefully use.

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